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Dear Mr. Toulmin:

Your letter of August 10th concerning the Patent Office has been referred to me for answer. I am not sure from your statements precisely what the situation is that concerns you, but it appeared to be related to the protection of confidential information. If so, this is an internal security matter, and the National Security Act of 1947 specifically provides that this Agency shall have no internal security functions (Section 102(d)(3)). It would appear, therefore, that we are prohibited from involving ourselves in your problem and that you were correct in addressing yourself to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

I regret that we cannot be of assistance to you.

Very truly yours,

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